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74 Wisconsin teachers earn national board certification

MADISON—Wisconsin's 74 new national board certified teachers join the ranks of nearly 74,000 across the country who have earned the professional credential.

"National board certified teachers are top-notch educators," said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in commending the national board class of 2008. "National board certification is a voluntary process that demonstrates exceptional professional practice and in depth subject-area knowledge."

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced that 9,600 teachers achieved national certification in 2008. To earn national board certification, teachers undergo an extensive series of performance-based assessments that includes teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes, and thorough analyses of the candidates' classroom teaching and student learning. Teachers also complete a series of written exercises that probe the depth of their subject-matter knowledge as well as their understanding of how to teach those subjects to their students. A recent report from the National Research Council affirmed that national board certification has had a positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development.

"Research has demonstrated that students have higher achievement gains when they receive instruction from national board certified teachers," Burmaster said. "Educators who attain national certification exemplify the quality teaching we need to lift academic achievement for all students and close the achievement gap."

Wisconsin teachers receive reimbursement, up to \$2,000, for the costs of seeking national certification and nine annual stipends of \$2,500 if they remain employed as educators. Those working in high-needs schools receive an annual stipend of \$5,000 as part of Burmaster's 2007-09 budget request to help high-needs schools attract and retain quality educators. High-needs schools are those in which 60 percent or more of students are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch. According to the

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National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, about half of the state's national board certified teachers are employed in Title I-eligible schools. Title I schools have a high percentage of students from economically disadvantaged families.

"Quality educators in the classroom, especially for high-needs schools, are vital to improving student achievement and closing the achievement gap," Burmaster said.

The master educator license is one of three stages of licensure in Wisconsin for professional education. The initial license is a five-year license granted to an individual who has completed an approved educator preparation program. To move to the professional educator level, an initial educator designs and completes a professional development plan that demonstrates increased proficiency in Wisconsin standards for teachers, pupil services professionals, or administrators. The master educator license is a voluntary, 10-year license. The state has 417 educators who hold a master educator license.

The five districts with the highest number of nationally certified teachers are: Milwaukee (44), Manitowoc (22), Madison Metropolitan (20), Wauwatosa (15), and Eau Claire (15). Teachers who earned national board certification are eligible to apply for a master educator license.

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NOTE: A list of teachers who earned national board certification follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_179.pdf. Additional information about national board certification is available from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website <http://www.nbpts.org/>.

Wisconsin's 2008 National Board Certified Teachers

Dana Acamovic, Clement Avenue Elementary
Milwaukee Public Schools
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Kathleen Anderson of De Pere
Edison Middle School
Green Bay Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Shannon Anderson, Verona Area High School
Verona Area School District
Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Alice Andraski, Horace Mann Middle School
Wausau School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Jeanne Arenz of Houston, Minn.
Pertzsch Elementary School
Onalaska School District
Art/Early and Middle Childhood

Ulrike Balistreri of Neenah
Gerritts Middle School
Kimberly Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Lisa Bendall of Mayville
Hartford Union High School
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jenifer Berthold, Madison Elementary School
Wauwatosa School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Mary Block of Appleton
Little Chute Elementary School
Little Chute Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Lisa Bodwin of Two Rivers
Washington Junior High School
Manitowoc School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Stephanie Brewer, Cambridge Elementary School
Cambridge School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Angela Buchenauer of Green Bay
Bonduel Middle School
Bonduel School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Melissa Bunkelman of Two Rivers
Mishicot Middle School
Mishicot School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Thersea Burzynski, South Middle School
Eau Claire Area School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Amy Callies of Madison
Park Elementary School
Middleton-Cross Plains School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Kristina Craney of Galesville
Evergreen Elementary School
Holmen School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Susan Crowley of Menomonee Falls
Rawson Elementary School
South Milwaukee School District
*English as a New Language/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Tamera Ellis, Morse Middle School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Science/Early Adolescence

Andrew Evenson of Green Bay
Lincoln High School
Manitowoc School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Shari Fairburn-Gerou of Waterford
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Kathleen Franzen
Milwaukee Public Schools
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Paul Frazier, Hortonville Middle School
Hortonville School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Aimee Froze of Appleton
Gerritts Middle School
Kimberly Area School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Diane Gibeault, Magee Elementary School
Two Rivers School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Debora Gil R. Casado, Memorial High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
*Social Studies - History/Adolescence and
Young Adulthood*

Thomas Grunder of Dane
Waunakee High School
Waunakee Community School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Margaret Hartwig, Marshfield High School
Marshfield School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Angela Haut, Columbus Elementary School
Kenosha School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Tina Heinecke-Kurtz
Oconomowoc Middle School
Oconomowoc Area School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Tricia Helms, Lakeshore Elementary School
Eau Claire Area School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Terry Hendrikse of Oostburg
Ozaukee High School, Fredonia
Northern Ozaukee School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Mary Henry, Viroqua Elementary School
Viroqua Area School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Patricia Hintz, Tess Corners Elementary School
Muskego-Norway School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Janis Hoehn, Marshfield High School
Marshfield School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Michele Huppert, Spring Valley High School
Spring Valley School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Julie Huss of Elkhart Lake
Longfellow Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Tammy Hyler, Wilson Junior High School
Manitowoc School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Ann Ingham, Westlawn Elementary School
Cedarburg School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jason Jansen of Kaukauna
Gerritts Middle School
Kimberly Area School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Ryan Kapping, Spring Valley High School
Spring Valley School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jodi King of Appleton
Gerritts Middle School
Kimberly Area School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Rachel Kloss
Milwaukee Sign Language Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Early Childhood

Matthew Knoester of Madison
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Andrew Kruger of Madison
Verona Area High School
Verona Area School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Catherine Kuehn of Hartland
Kettle Moraine Middle School, Dousman
Kettle Moraine School District
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Linda Luedtke of Manitowoc
Two Rivers High School
Two Rivers School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Jennifer Marten of Elkhart Lake
Parkview Elementary School
Plymouth School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Carrie Mathison, Lakeview Elementary School
Whitewater School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Mary Meier, Banting Elementary School
Waukesha School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Lisa Meyer of Greenfield
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago School District
*Social Studies - History/Adolescence and
Young Adulthood*

Sherri Michalowski of Port Washington
Wisconsin Hills Middle School, Brookfield
Elmbrook School District
Social Studies - History/Early Adolescence

Kristin Michalski of Big Bend
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Michael Michalsky of Lyndon Station
Wisconsin Dells High School
Wisconsin Dells School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

James Milske of Kimberly
Koenig Elementary School
Two Rivers School District
School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Michelle Moore of River Falls
Ellsworth High School
Ellsworth Community School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Alan Nauertz of Spooner
Shell Lake Junior/Senior High School
Shell Lake School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Dan Neuberger of Lake Mills
Edgerton Community Elementary School
Edgerton School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Joyce Pfeiffer
Verona Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Robert Pileggi of Muskego
Nathan Hale High School
West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Boyd Roessler, Hawthorne Elementary School
Waukesha School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Cynthia Rouse, Browning Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Linda Ruhland-Stage of Reedsburg
Adams-Friendship Middle School
Adams-Friendship Area School District
Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Kathleen Rutter of Milwaukee
Luther Elementary School
South Milwaukee School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jenny Sagrillo, Riverside High School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Kurt Scholz of Combined Locks
Gerritts Middle School
Kimberly Area School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Marian Schraufnagel of Waterford
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Elizabeth Schultz of Oconomowoc
Eisenhower High School
New Berlin School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Mary Silva, Garland Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Randa Suleiman, Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Mary Talsky
Pius XI High School, Milwaukee
Social Studies - History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Christine Timm of Franklin
Carollton Elementary School, Oak Creek
Oak Creek-Franklin School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Maureen Vorwald, Platteville High School
Platteville School District
Physical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Alison Wierzbicki of Eagle
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Emily Zawikowski, Congress Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Early Childhood